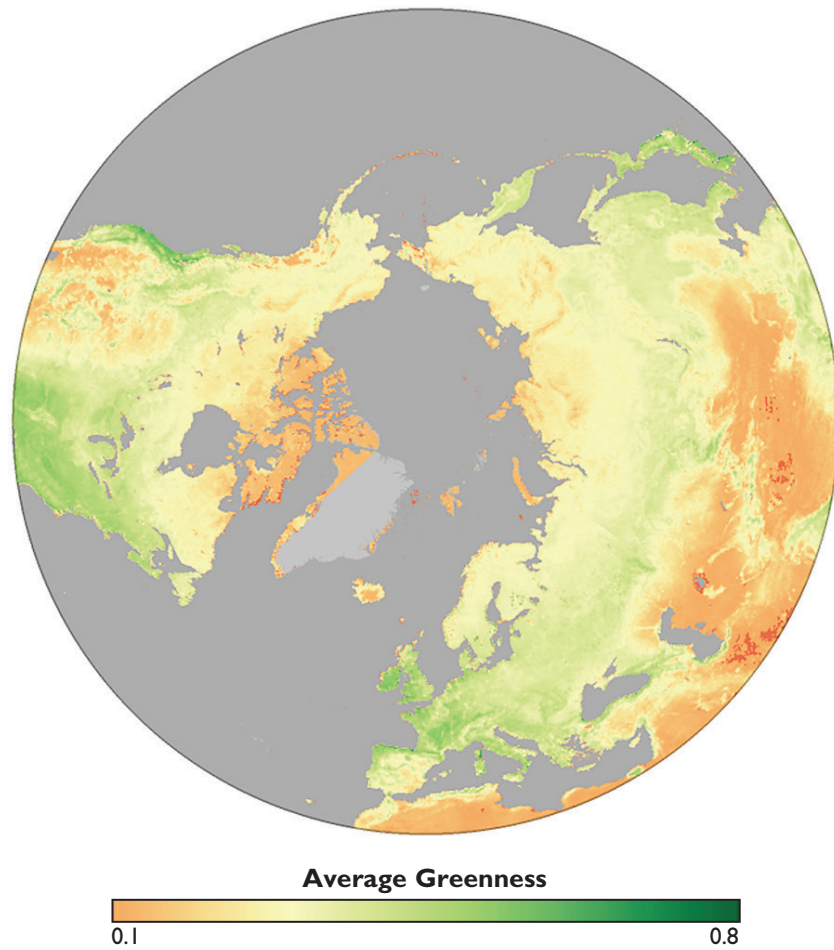


Average greenness over the period July 1981–December 1999. The greenness tones in northern Eurasia and North America depict greenness of the needle trees, in a unitless greenness index. (Data from the AVHRR instruments on the NOAA 7, 9, 11, and 14 satellites; data provided by the NASA GSFC Global Inventory Monitoring and Modeling Systems group.)



Persistence of greening poleward of 30°N over the period 1982–1999. The colors represent changes in vegetation lushness, ranging from white, denoting a low increase in the heartiness of vegetation, to green, denoting the highest increase in plant lushness. (Data from the AVHRR instruments on the NOAA 7, 9, 11, and 14 satellites; data provided by the NASA GSFC Global Inventory Monitoring and Modeling Systems group.)

